



Howden le Wear Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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In this week's newsletter:

- ◆ School places for September 2019;
- ◆ European Day of Languages;
- ◆ Macmillan Coffee Afternoon.

Important dates / information for next week:

- ◆ Parents' Assembly and Coffee Afternoon next Friday at 2pm;
- ◆ Please ensure children come to school with a coat.

Although it is early in the academic year, our Year 6 families are already thinking about which secondary school they would like their child to attend from September 2019. The process has started over the last few weeks with visits from Headteachers and Senior Leaders from local secondary schools, including Parkside and Wolsingham, to let children know all about what their schools have to offer.

Choosing your child's secondary school is an important decision that will have an impact on the rest of their lives - so it is vital that parents/carers know all the facts about each available school before they make their final choice. Parents' Open Evenings are organised at each of our local secondary schools to help parents and children get a feel for each establishment, but should you require any further help in either completing the admissions form or would like further information about a school, please do get in touch and I will contact the relevant people who can answer your queries.

In terms of child admissions to our school for next year, if you have a child who is due to start school in September 2019, you will need to complete an application form provided by the Local Authority. The easiest way to do this is online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If however, you cannot access the Council website, please contact the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896 who will send you paper copies. Applications for Reception places are open from now until midnight on **Tuesday 15 January 2018**.

Wednesday 26 September next week is the official European Day of Languages which we celebrate annually in school. The broad aims of the day are to alert children and parents to the importance of language learning; promote the rich cultural diversity of Europe and encourage lifelong language learning both in and out of school. We will be celebrating the European Day of Languages in school with a morning of events. This will begin with a whole school assembly on the different cultures of Europe. We have then chosen to focus this year's learning on the country of Italy. Across the morning, children in Key Stage 2 will rotate around classes and take part in activities relating to the geography, culture, food and language associated with Italy. Children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years will be doing very similar things related to Italy, but these will take place within their own classes. Please take the time to talk to your child on Wednesday evening about what they have learned at school as part of the European Day of Languages. Should you wish to know more about the event and challenge your children with language based activities and games, please go to the following website:

<http://edl.ecml.at/>

Finally, can I inform you that Parents Consultations this term have been organised for Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd October from 3.30pm - 6pm each day. We continue to hold meetings over two days to increase opportunities for parents to attend and to ensure teachers/parents have an adequate amount of time to meet and discuss their child's attainment and progress. A letter will be sent out over the coming week giving parents the opportunity to book appointments. Please send your completed forms back into school and an appointment time will be allocated to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Baines
Headteacher

For the most up to date information about what is going on in our school including dates for your diaries, parental information and school performance information, please visit our website at:

<http://www.howden-le-wear.durham.sch.uk>

Please scan your smartphone device over the QR code to the right to be taken straight to our school website!



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Next Friday afternoon we are hosting a Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Afternoon in school. The event will start at 2pm in the hall where a range of refreshments and cakes will be on sale. We are also planning to run a book stall at this event. Any donations of books you have read will be greatly received and you can choose from the selection of books at a small cost of 50p each to raise money for Macmillan.

At 2.15pm, parents and guests can watch our weekly Celebration Assembly and hear a little about the work completed for European Day of Languages before having more refreshments, cake and chat with others before collecting children at 3.05pm. We hope as many parents and family members as possible choose to join us. Even if you can't make it for 2.15pm, please drop in until the end of the school day. **Please note that Year 6 will not be taking part in the assembly as their swimming lesson is at that time.**

If you wish to make a donation of a cake, cupcakes, biscuits or books to be sold at the Coffee Afternoon, this will be gratefully received on Thursday or Friday next week.



Thank you and we look forward to seeing you next Friday!

School Notices

Playtime Snacks: Could parents please ensure that if they are providing their child with a mid-morning playtime snack, it is a healthy option such as a piece of fruit. Thank you for your support with this.

PACT Meeting: Our monthly Police and Community Meeting will be held in school next **Wednesday 26 September at 6.30pm** in the school hall. We look forward to seeing as many community members as possible and light refreshments will be available from 6.15pm.

Key Stage 2 Parents: We kindly request that parents of children in Key Stage 2 do not enter school from the playground for any reason at the start of the school day. If messages need to be passed on to teachers, this can be done via the school office.

Autumnal Weather: This week we experienced some strong wind and rain as autumn starts to take hold. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed for the weather conditions, particularly bringing a warm coat with them. The weather can change very quickly, as we saw this week and a number of children had to leave school on Wednesday in the heavy winds without a coat.

Thank you for your support with this.

Children's Achievements In School

Every Friday, teachers choose a child from their class to be recognised for something special they have achieved that week. This week's chosen children are:

Mrs Wheatley's Nursery



Mrs Wheatley would like to congratulate **Elijah Mekato** for great listening skills and enthusiasm during multi-skills sessions. Well done Elijah!

Mrs Craig's Reception Class



Mrs Craig has nominated **Summer Scott** for the time, care and pride she took when making her superhero costume. Great work Summer!

Miss Barton's Year 1 Class



Miss Barton would like to say well done to **Jacob Pigg** for always putting in effort when work is challenging. A huge well done Jacob!

Mrs Gray's Year 2 Class



Mrs Gray would like a special mention for **William Grafton** for always trying his best, beautiful manners and being a brilliant class mate. Well done William!

Miss Nattrass' Year 3/4 Class



Miss Nattrass is delighted with **Josie Buston** for having a positive and mature attitude towards all her learning and contributing lots to class discussions. Well done Josie!

Mrs Salkeld's Year 4/5 Class



Mrs Salkeld is really pleased with **Jordan James Bell** for an amazing written diary entry in Literacy this week and much improved presentation in all his work. Well done Jordan James!

Mrs Clark's Year 6 Class



Mrs Clark would like a special mention for **Kieran Prest** for resilience and determination when solving problems in maths this week. Well done Kieran!



Well done to all our children this week for their fabulous effort and hard work in school.

